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FOLLOWING REPEAT GABORONE 810 ACTION SECSTATE WASH DC INFO CAPETOWN,

DARESSALAAM, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, PRETORIA, AND NEW YORK DATED MAR 21 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0810

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BOTSWANA ZANU REP ON INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

1. ZANU DEPUTY REP FOR BOTSWANA, CHARLES MUNYORO, RECENTLY VISITED EMBASSY TO DISCUSS INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND UK/US INVITATION TO "ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE". MUNYORO REPEATED STANDARD ZANU LINE THAT WAR WILL BE INTENSIFIED TO COMBAT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND THAT FIGHTERS IN ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE REMAIN LOYAL TO PF. HE SAW LITTLE PROSPECT THAT PF LEADERSHIP WOULD AGREE TO "ALL PARTIES" TALKS AND NO POSSIBILITY AT ALL THAT NKOMO OR MUGABE WOULD JOIN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

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2. ACCORDING TO MUNYORO, THERE ARE "ONLY TWO FORCES NOW", THE PF AND THE SMITH REGIME WHICH INCLUDES THE BLACK PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. MUNYORO CLAIMED THAT ONLY FIGHTING FORCES NOW LOYAL TONMUZOREWA AND SITHOLE ARE SMITH'S ARMY AND POLICE. HE SAW LITTLE PROSPECT THAT GAP BETWEEN PF AND INTERNAL NATIONALISTS COULD BE NARROWED ON BASIS OF AAP WHICH, ACCORDING TO

MUNYORO, IS ITSELF INADEQUATE TO RESOLVE RHODESIAN CRISIS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER OF POWER FROM SMITH REGIME TO PF.

3. IN REPLY TO MUNYORO, WE MAINTAINED THAT AAP IS STILL BEST POSSIBLE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON WHICH INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE ZIMBABWE SETTLEMENT MUST BE BASED, AND THAT "ALL PARTIES" CONFERENCE MIGHT BE METHOD OF ACHIEVING MORE WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT ON AAP PRINCIPLES.

4. COMMENT: ZANU'S BOTSWANA REPRESENTATIVES CLEARLY ARE NOT PRIVY TO CONSULTATIONS AMONG ZANU HIERARCHY. HOWEVER, THE CONTEMPT OF LOW-LEVEL CADRES LIKE MUNYORO FOR INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND THEIR AVOWED DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE ARMED STRUGGLE INDICATE THAT CURRENT STAND BY NKOMO AND MUGABE IS POPULAR WITH THEIR FOLLOWERS IN BOTSWANA.
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